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For: **EFFECTS OF IFN- $\gamma$  ON CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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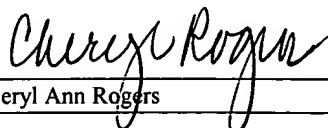
Dear Sir:

The present Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed in September 30, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, setting a three months term. Accompanying the present Amendment and Response is a request for a two-month extension of time, setting the new term to February 28, 2004.

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